1	2	3	4
9	Upgradation of 20 KW MW Tr to 100 KW at Sambalpur	Yet to be Commissioned	280 64
10	New 50 KW SW Tr at Jaypore	-do-	62 22
11	Regional Staff Training Institute (Technical) Bhubaneshwar	-do-	1202 63*

* Total project cost
@ Located in tribal areas

Satellite Time to Private Channels

350. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Doordarshan has decided to lease satellite time to private channels; and

(b) if so, the terms and conditions thereof and how much satellite time is proposed to be so leased?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Industrial Labourers

351. SHRI SUKH LAL KUSHWAHA : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government is aware of the labours working in various industrial units of Madhya Pradesh who are facing the negligence/violation of labour laws by Managers and the Sate Governments;

(b) if so, whether these labourers are being paid wages less than the minimum wages fixed by the Government and they are treated as bonded labourers and are forced to sign their resignation letter and loan papers at the time of joining; and

(c) if so, the action being taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Extension of Ahmedabad Airport

352. SHRI HARIN PATHAK : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the time by which the Government propose to take over the acquired land for extension of Ahmedabad airport;

(b) whether any budgetary provision has been made by the Government to take up the extension work during the current year; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) The acquired land at Ahmedabad airport has already been taken over by Airports Authority of India in August, 1996. However, certain obstructions like water pipe line has to be diverted by the State Government before the work can commence.

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir. The detailed estimates are under preparation.

[Translation]

Contractual Labourers in Bokaro Steel Plant

353. SHRI NAMDEO DIWATHE : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) the number of contractual labourers engaged in public and private steel industries and particularly in Bokaro Steel Plant;

(b) since when such labourers are working;

(c) whether the Government propose to provide them Government service; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

[English]

Reduction in Running Time of Trains

354. SHRI BAJU BAN RIYAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government are considering to reduce the running time between Delhi and North-Eastern States and between Calcutta and North-Eastern States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) to (c). Speeding up of trains is a continuous process on Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility. 4055 Brahmaputra Mail has been speeded up by 25 minutes from 1-10-96.